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By ECF and Email

Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: <u>United States v. Javier Benitez</u>
Ind. No. 18 CR 390 (ALC)

Emergency Motion for Compassionate Release Due to COVID-19
Outbreak at FCI Danbury

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

As your Honor may recall, we recently concluded a compassionate release proceeding in the above-referenced matter. In the course of preparing to submit a CJA voucher for services rendered in connection with the application, I am advised by the CJA Clerk's Office that an Order is required as a predicate to submitting my voucher. Accordingly, this *ex parte* letter is respectfully submitted to request a *nunc pro tunc* Order reappointing me to represent Mr. Benitez for the purpose of representing him in his application for compassionate release. Thank you for your continuing consideration of this matter.

GRANTED. The Court reappoints Mr. Sporn, *nunc pro tunc* as of July 7, 2020. The Clerk of Court is requested to terminate the motion at Dkt. No. 495.

Michael H. Sporn

Respectfully submitted,

8/5/2020

SO ORDERED.

PAUL A. ENGELMAYER United States District Judge